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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S. PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SYRIA

REF: (A) STATE 158672, (B) STATE 3155, (C) 76 STATE 174681

1. EMBASSY HAS PREPARED FINAL LIST OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL (A). AMB SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY IMADI WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS TO DISCUSS LIST AND TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATING FORMAT. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE WITH IMADI'S HELP TO KEEP NEGOTIATIONS ON INFORMAL BASIS AS REQUESTED.

2. NOTE THAT EXPORT/IMPORT BANK BOUSTANI CASE STILL UNDER LITIGATION IN ALEPPO COURT. EX/IM ATTORNEY HANDLING CASE, HAZEM JAZZAR STILL APPEARS OPTIMISTIC OF FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF CASE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT RAISING THE CASE AS AN OFFICIAL CLAIM AGAINST SYRIA MAY CAUSE THE COURT TO SUSPEND ACTION. ON THE OTHER HAND JAZZAR BELIEVES THAT SYRIAN GOVT WILL PROBABLY REJECT USG CLAIM ON GROUNDS CASE IN LITIGATION. REQUEST DEPT CONSIDERATION THIS POINT PRIOR TO AMB CALL ON IMADI.

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EM IN ANY EVENT ALEPPO COURT HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE FULL TEXT AND CITATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (C). PLEASE CABLE SAME NO LATER THAN COB FRIDAY JULY 15 AS COURT HEARS FURTHER ARGUMENTS IN ALEPPO MONDAY JULY 18. COURT WILL ACCEPT EMBASSY CERTIFICATION AND WAIVE NORMAL CONSULAR

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